



Early Journal Content on JSTOR, Free to Anyone in the World

This article is one of nearly 500,000 scholarly works digitized and made freely available to everyone in the world by JSTOR.

Known as the Early Journal Content, this set of works include research articles, news, letters, and other writings published in more than 200 of the oldest leading academic journals. The works date from the mid-seventeenth to the early twentieth centuries.

We encourage people to read and share the Early Journal Content openly and to tell others that this resource exists. People may post this content online or redistribute in any way for non-commercial purposes.

Read more about Early Journal Content at <http://about.jstor.org/participate-jstor/individuals/early-journal-content>.

JSTOR is a digital library of academic journals, books, and primary source objects. JSTOR helps people discover, use, and build upon a wide range of content through a powerful research and teaching platform, and preserves this content for future generations. JSTOR is part of ITHAKA, a not-for-profit organization that also includes Ithaka S+R and Portico. For more information about JSTOR, please contact support@jstor.org.

EDITORIAL COMMENT



THE THIRD YEAR OPENS

WITH the October number this JOURNAL enters upon its third year. We take occasion to remind our subscribers who are interested in the welfare of the JOURNAL that renewals should be made promptly for two reasons:

First, because after an interval of two or three months we are not always able to supply back numbers, and the file is thus broken, and, second, because it is necessary for the managers to know at the beginning of the year approximately what the business outlook is to be. The members of the five organizations which this JOURNAL represents officially have all an interest in its success, and to these members we appeal for promptness in renewals and for their coöperation in broadening its field of usefulness.

THE PROFESSIONAL STANDING.

The professional standing of the JOURNAL is firmly and broadly established and recognized. Every day brings us renewed assurance of its value as a medium through which nurses are being brought into closer unison for the advancement and uplifting of the profession. Such questions as the management of directories, the establishment of club-houses, preliminary training, registration, and organization, with its multitude of allied subjects, have taken more definite form during the past two years, and we claim our just share of credit as a promoter of these projects.

Voluntary contributions from nurses increase steadily, showing a growing tendency towards literary expression that is most gratifying.

OUR ADVERTISING PAGES.

We have taken great pride during the year in the character and growth of our advertising pages. It has been our policy to accept only such material as we were justified in believing to be reliable, and it is being proven that by following this course we are securing an exceptionally high class of advertisers. We believe that in a professional journal of high aims and standards the advertising pages should be free from quackery, as well as the reading pages, and we ask our supporters to aid us in maintaining this principle by giving their patronage, when consistent, to those business houses who advertise with us, whose patronage is a necessary part of our business management.

HOW EACH ONE MAY HELP.

We repeat the request that we made last year, *i.e.*, that each subscriber who is interested in the welfare of the JOURNAL and who wishes to aid in its success and development will, in sending her own renewal, try to secure one additional subscriber. If this could be done universally, it would be all the aid we should need to ask of a financial nature. Many of our readers have an opportunity to spread the knowledge of our JOURNAL among clergymen, teachers,

and that great army of men and women workers for the good of the public welfare whose lives touch that of our professional work at so many points. In this direction there is great opportunity for the nurse in private practice to do valuable work for the JOURNAL. We want such people to read it,—even if they do not subscribe for it,—that they may appreciate what nurses are doing for their own advancement, and what they are doing also for charity.

WHERE PROGRESS IS MARKED.

The idea of a different system of preliminary training has grown in a very marked degree during the year, and State registration has taken great strides.

The training-school superintendents of Boston have plans in connection with Simmons's College for a department for preliminary training. The Rochester Mechanics' Institute is practically ready to open such a course when the superintendents and hospital managers will agree upon a curriculum. The women at the heads of the training-schools in Philadelphia are agitating the establishment of an independent Central Nursing Institute, in which they have the support of Dr. S. Weir Mitchell and other prominent physicians.

The superintendents in New York City have been in conference in regard to preliminary training for the nurse schools of that city, and we believe the year to come will bring success to at least one of these groups of workers. Finances and a curriculum are the two points to be settled.

We shall give prominence to this work, from month to month, and watch the progress made in the different cities with great interest.

STATE REGISTRATION.

For the nurse in private practice the subject of State organization and registration is the vital one. The Publication Committee of the New York State Nurses' Association has issued a circular letter to nurses of the State setting forth the situation, and two thousand of these circulars will be mailed, but the difficulty of reaching the great numbers who are not organized is felt, and addresses sent to the secretary will receive prompt attention.

Miss Dock's "Compilation" in the present issue should be studied carefully, as it shows the consensus of medical opinion, which is of special interest at this stage of the movement.

That the New Jersey State Nurses' Association has received the endorsement of the New Jersey Medical Society in its plans for legislation is a matter for warm congratulation, which all nurses of other States must, we feel sure, join with us in extending to it.

TO WHOM THANKS ARE DUE.

We again make grateful acknowledgment to the scores of physicians and nurses who have aided us in many ways during the year, and to our staff of collaborators who have rendered such faithful service our thanks are cordially extended.

MEETING OF THE SUPERINTENDENTS AT DETROIT

The official notice of the ninth annual meeting of the American Society of Superintendents of Training-Schools for Nurses will be found on another page. During the past five years these meetings have been held in conjunction with

the alumnæ meeting, and the interest has been felt to have been somewhat divided. This year every indication points to a very interesting and successful convention. The city is charming, the arrangements are most complete, and the subjects to be presented full of interest. It is not, perhaps, understood by all that superintendents who are not members are cordially welcome as guests, and nurses who wish to attend are free to do so, but, of course, only the members take an active part in the official proceedings. We call attention to Mrs. Gretter's letter in the August number, explaining the advantage of taking the boat at Buffalo, making part of the journey by way of the lake. This we know from personal experience to be a charming trip.

MORE OF THE SOCIAL

WITH September and October nurses' associations of various kinds will organize for the winter, and we venture to emphasize the point made by Miss Melsaac some time ago, that the tendency in making the programmes is towards too much of the instructive and educational and not enough of the social. We wish the entire group of nursing organizations would devote the coming winter to getting better acquainted with one another. We believe a season given up to social functions, theatre parties, even sewing-circles, would tend to bring the members so much more closely into sympathy that another year all the educational work would go forward with renewed vigor. Even the customary "cup of tea" taken hastily after a business meeting or lecture does not seem to aid very much in bringing together the members who are strangers to one another. Those who are already friends chat a moment together, and the pleasure is great, but at the end of a season the old and the new graduate are just as great strangers to one another as they were at the beginning of the season. Let some of the fun and nonsense that goes on in a nurses' home be brought into the gatherings of the graduates. There is nothing about private nursing that makes a woman forget how to dance, how to act charades, or plan a costume party, or even to play whist, tell fortunes, or make "fudge." There is talent enough in any group of fifty nurses to provide quarterly entertainments of a high social order, provided the spirit could once be made to move in that direction. If the old members have forgotten how, give the young ones a chance. An appreciative audience is a necessary part of the plan.

TABLE OF CONTENTS FOR THE FIRST VOLUME

INCLUDED with the Table of Contents of the second volume printed in the present number will be found the contents for last year, which was omitted when the first volume was closed. In future a more complete reference index will be provided.

